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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Assistant Commissioner of Labour, after discussions with the parties, has brought about an amicable settlement of the dispute.

Improvements to roads in Palghat Municipality

* 2626 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received in August 1954 a resolution, dated 2nd January 1954, from the Palghat Municipality applying for a loan of rupees five lakhs for carrying out improvements to roads in the municipal area; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government considered the request and informed the council that its request could not be complied with.

Reduction of the price of yarn

* 2627 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the price of yarn supplied to handloom weavers; and

(b) whether the Central Government have been consulted in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) The Government have addressed the Textile Commissioner, Bombay, to devise measures to bring down the prices of yarn consistent with the prices of cotton.

A co-operative spinning mill is also being set up in this State to supply yarn to handloom weavers in the co-operative fold at reasonable rates. On the recommendation of this Government, the Government of India have sanctioned a loan of Rs. 10 lakhs to the mills.

Madras Technological Examination Board

* 2628 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the question of recognition by the Government of India of the Diplomas and Certificates issued by the Madras Technological Examination Board was referred to the Board of Assessment during February 1955?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Technological Diploma Examination Board, Madras, awards only Diplomas and does not issue any certificates. The question of recognition of the diplomas awarded by the Board has been referred to the Board of